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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PAKISTANI REQUEST FOR US ECONOMIC EXPERTS

REF: STATE 304964

1. REFTEL REPORTS AMBASSADOR YAQUB-KHAN, DURING CALL ON SECRETARY, CONVEYED REQUEST FROM GENERAL ZIA FOR "ONE OR TWO" ECONOMIC EXPERTS TO ADVISE GOP IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SPHERES. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED BY NOTING WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DUPLICATE THE WORLD BANK'S ANALYSIS, BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, COUNTRY DIRECTOR COON AND PAKISTANI MINISTER MEHDI AGREED THAT NEXT STEP SHOULD BE AN APPROACH FROM THE GOP TO EMBASSY ISLAMABAD TO DEFINE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT. MEHDI WILL BE SO INFORMING HIS GOVERNMENT.

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3. WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHETHER ZIA FLOATED THE IDEA ON HIS OWN, WHETHER IT WAS STAFFED OUT BY SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICIALS, OR HOW SUCH A TEAM MIGHT FIT INTO THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC RETHINKING WHICH NOW SEEMS TO BE UNDERWAY. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID HAVING AN EXPERT

TEAM UNDERCUT THE WORLD BANK IN ANY WAY, AND WE PLAN TO

INFORM THE BANK VERY INFORMALLY OF THE PAKISTANI REQUEST.
WE ALSO DO NOT WANT THE GOP TO GAIN THE IMPRESSION THAT
A US EXPERT ANALYSIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY SUBSTANTIALLY
INCREASED ASSISTANCE.

4. WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD LEAVE THE INITIATIVE TO THE GOP
TO FOLLOW-UP ON YAQUB-KHAN'S APPROACH. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS
GIVING GREATER DEFINITION TO THE REQUEST, WE SUGGEST YOU
BEAR IN MIND THE CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 AND
REPORT TO DEPARTMENT BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMITMENT. FOR
YOUR INFORMATION, AID BELIEVES IT COULD FIELD A TEAM OF
EXPERTS FAIRLY PROMPTLY FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE AGRICUL-
TURAL SECTOR.

5. WE UNDERSTAND WORLD BANK HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED FOR
MAJOR NEW ASSISTANCE IN REFORMULATING ECONOMIC PLANS,
INCLUDING SENDING SENIOR ADVISOR TO PAKISTAN IN EARLY
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